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DEPT. PASS TO DR. MARTIN E. MCCAVITT

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SUBJECT: DHEW/HDS/RSA/SFCP - RSA SUPPORTED RESEARCH
PROGRAM IN INDIA

1. DR. S. JANAKI, PROJECT DIRECTOR RSA SUPPORTED PROJECT 19-P-58185-F-01 ON REHABILITATION OF DYSPHASICS REQUESTS FOR A VEHICLE FOR USE ON HER PROJECT. WE UNDERSTAND ICMR HAS NO OBJECTION IF A VEHICLE FROM OTHER RSA SUPPORTED TERMINATED PROJECT IS GIVEN TO HER. WE SUGGEST THAT THE VEHICLE LYING UNUSED WITH DR. JAIN AT PGI CHANDIGARH TERMINATED PROJECT 58135 BE TRANSFERRED FOR USE ON DR. JANAKI'S PROJECT.

2. DR. JANAKI ALSO SUGGESTS RSA TO CONSIDER A US SPECIALIST TO VISIT THE PROJECT FOR REVIEW, TRAINING, AND POSSIBLE STRENGTHENING OF STAFF UNDERSTANDING OF REHAB. CONCEPTS AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO SPEECH THERAPY IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD AT US CENTERS. DR. JANAKI IS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC OF OUTSTANDING DEVELOPMENTS AND FINDINGS IN THE FIRST YEAR OF HER RESEARCH OPERATIONS AND WOULD LIKE A US EXPERT TO BE WITH HER FOR ATLEAST THREE MONTHS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND MADURAI PROJECT ON REHAB. OF BLIND HAS DEVELOPED SNAGS ACCORDING TO BOB JAEKLE OF HKI. DR. DENO REED OR A CONSULTANT SHOULD VISIT PROJECT
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SOONEST TO REVIEW SITUATION, ESPECIALLY IN THE LIGHT OF GOI RECOMMENDATION TO EXTEND THE TERMINAL DATE TO DECEMBER 31, 1980, AND THE PROPOSAL TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES TO HAVE A DOCUMENTARY AND TRAINING FILM MADE OF THE PROJECT.

4. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT DR. DENO REED SHOULD ALSO BE AVAILABLE IN DELHI TO REVIEW AND FINALIZE DRAFT RESEARCH PROPOSAL ON

REHABILITATION OF BLIND IN RURAL AREAS SUBMITTED BY THE
NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS. THE
PRESIDENT, DR. SUSHILA NAYAR AND THE VICE PRESIDENT, DR.
L.P. AGARWAL HAS INQUIRED STATUS OF THIS PROPOSAL.

5. DR. REED SHOULD ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO VISIT THE MANIPAL
KASTURBA MEDICAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL. DR. RAMDAS PAI HAS
INDICATED STRONG INTEREST IN LOW VISION AID RESEARCH PROGRAM
HIS DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY IS ONE OF THE BEST IN THE
COUNTRY EQUIPPED FOR CATERING TO THE UNREPRESENTED RURAL AREA OF
MALABAR COAST.
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